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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows to place this application in better condition for examination.

In the drawings, please amend Figs. 1-5, as discussed in the enclosed Letter to Draftsperson.

In the Claims, substitute the following Claims 1-11 (Amended) for the pending Claims 1-11 of the published International Application:

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1. (Amended) In a large-area radiator with a front pane and a rear element, wherein spacer elements keep the front pane apart from the rear element, a gaseous filler is introduced into a space between the front pane and the rear element